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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S ESTATE AUCTION SET FOR MARCH 19 Cars, Jewelry, Furniture and More Offered on Auction Block This Week

Hundreds of items will be auctioned off by the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, <u>Public Administrator/Public Guardian</u> (PAPG), at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19.

The event, which takes place at the County Operations Annex in Kearny Mesa, 5201 Ruffin Road San Diego, will feature a wide variety of assets from numerous Superior Court-appointed decedent and conservatorship estates managed by PAPG. "We have a great selection of items this time. From band saws to Beanie Babies, we have something for everyone," said Public Administrator Patricia Frosio.

Registration and viewing of auction items will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the vehicles auction starting at 8:30 a.m., and all other items to follow. Customers are required to both pay for and pick up the auction property by 2:00 p.m. that day. Pictures of all the items for sale are available on the PAPG department's Web site at www.papg.org.

PAPG investigates and administers the estates of persons who die with no will or without an appropriate person willing or able to act as an administrator. In FY 2003-04, the office received over 1,200 referrals and managed the affairs of 300-400 estates at any given time. PAPG also investigates conservatorship matters and serves as the legally appointed guardian for elderly and disabled persons found by the Court to be unable to manage their own assets and personal care. The office oversees nearly \$50 million in estate assets.

The personal property estate sales are held on the third Saturday of odd-number months. For additional information about items available for sale, please call (858) 694-3500.

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Editor's note: Members of the media are invited to preview the auction items during the week before the auction. Please call Patricia Frosio at (858) 694-3516 to make arrangements.